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1. The First of May Steelworks in Most (N51/F12) is located on the southern edge of the city on the road to Louny. The plant is a branch of the United Steelworks National Corporation. A total of between 700 and 800 workers and about 1950 political prisoners are employed in three shifts. The Workers' Militia consists of about 150 persons armed with pistols. The prisoners live on the plant grounds and are guarded at night by two members of the Workers' Militia and one member of the Prisoners' Guard (SVS). Leading personnel of the plant include the following:

- a. Plant Manager Kacha, about 35 years old.
- b. Chairman of the Workers' Council Pfaiffer, about 30 years old.
- c. Chief of the rolling mill Ing. Mraz, about 30 years old.
- d. Chief of the open-hearth furnaces Karel Straka, about 50 years old.

2. The following is a key to the attached sketch of the First of May Steelworks:

- 1) Power plant Three-story reinforced concrete building which delivers power to the Steelworks and to Most. Fifteen workers work in each shift at the plant, which requires 10 freight carloads of coal per day. Coal is delivered from the Partisan Slansky Mine.
- 2,3) Open-hearth furnaces Two furnaces located in a three-story building. Both furnaces were rebuilt in 1950 with a capacity of 40 tons per charge. Of the forty taps per week made on the two furnaces, two are of steel and the others of iron for the rolling mill. Steel is delivered in two to six-ton ingots. About 35 workers are employed in each shift at the furnaces.
- 4) Ingot-casting section "Jama"

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- 5) Rolling Mill Reinforced concrete building 15 m high, employing about 120 workers per shift. The mill rolls iron sheet from 4 to 18 cm in thickness for export to satellite countries.
- 6) Finishing shop (upravna)
- 7) Part of rolling mill (Istek)
- 8) Power plant Single-story brick building with three generators. The daily coal consumption amounts to six carloads. Six workers are employed in each shift.
- 9) Machine shop Single-story brick building. Twenty workers are employed in each of two shifts in repairing plant equipment.
- 10) Warehouse Single-story brick building, at which four workers are employed in each shift.
- 11) Fire brick (chamotte) mill Three-story reinforced concrete building, at which four workers are employed in each shift.
- 12) Offices Three-story brick building, at which about 40 clerks are employed.
- 13) Fire brigade Brick building.
- 14) Gate house Two-story brick building, used as an armament warehouse. Three members of the Workers' Militia are on duty.
- 15) Warehouse Wooden building for storing lime, magnesite, spiegel-eisen and other minerals for use in the furnaces.
- 16) Political prisoners' camp
- 17) Fire brick storage
- 18) Washrooms
- 19) Scrap warehouse
- 20 - 22) Open air scrap iron storage Seven to ten carloads of scrap is brought in daily. About 20 workers are employed in each shift.
- 23 - 24) Managers' houses

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